Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 USUN N 03009 260045Z
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-13 ISO-00 SPTA-02 CIAE-00
DODE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05
PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 ICA-11 /095 W
----------056251 260049Z /70
P 260042Z JUL 78
FM USMISSION USUN NEW YORK
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2655
INFO USINT HAVANA
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN NEW YORK 03009

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, PINT, PORG, UNGA, CI, RQ
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION ON PUERTO RICO

REF: A) STATE 186242

1. SUMMARY: POLMIN INFORMED CHILEAN UN MISSION OF PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION ON PUERTO RICO JULY 25 AND SOUGHT CONTINUED CHILEAN SUPPORT IN COMMITTEE OF 24 FOR US POSITION. CHILEAN COUNSELOR SAID WOULD REPORT TO SANTIAGO BUT ANTICIPATED NO CHANGE IN CHILE'S POSITION. SHOULD THERE BE PUERTO RICO REFERENDUM ON FUTURE STATUS, HE SUGGESTED OUTSIDE OBSERVATION, PERHAPS BY OAS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REF A, POLMIN PETREE AND MISOFF JULY 25 CALLED ON COUNSELLOR ERRAZURIZ OF CHILEAN UN MISSION, HIGHEST-RANKING OFFICER AVAILABLE AS PERMREP AWAY AND CHARGE ON SICK LEAVE. FIRST SECRETARY MONSALVE WHO REPRESENTS CHILE IN COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) WAS ALSO PRESENT. FOLLOWING PRESENTATION PER REF A PETREE GAVE ERRAZURIZ COPY OF PROCLAMATION.
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 USUN N 03009 260045Z

3. ERRAZURIZ SAID HE WOULD INFORM SANTIAGO OF OUR APPROACH BUT BELIEVED THAT CHILE WOULD MAINTAIN ITS PAST POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT. HE EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR US CONCERN AT PUBLIC REACTION TO AN ADVERSE UN DECISION ON PUERTO RICO, NOTING THAT CHILE HAD EXPERIENCED SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN UN

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

ACTIONS. HE ASKED MONSALVE WHAT SITUATION
WAS IN C-24.

4. MONSALVE EXPLAINED THAT THERE WOULD BE A DISCUSSION
OF PUERTO RICO LATE IN AUGUST BUT HE DID NOT KNOW HOW
HARD CUBA INTENDED TO PUSH FOR A DECISION THIS YEAR.
(HIS MISSION, HE SAID, HAS NO CONTACT WITH CUBANS.) HE
NOTED CLOSE VOTE LAST YEAR ON DEFERRAL AND AGREED THAT
SITUATION WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT THIS YEAR IN LIGHT OF
PROBABLE SWITCH IN POSITIONS OF ETHIOPIA AND AFGHANISTAN.
HE REFERRED TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF PETITIONERS THAT
APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE LAST YEAR AND SUGGESTED
THAT THE US TRY TO GET SUPPORTERS OF COMMONWEALTH STATUS
TO APPEAR.

5. MONSALVE NOTED THAT PETREE HAD MENTIONED RECENT
CASTRO STATEMENT INDICATING CUBANS WOULD ACCEPT THE
RESULTS OF A REFERENDUM EVEN IF IT DID NOT CALL FOR
INDEPENDENCE, A CHANGE FROM THE POSITION CUBA HAS TAKEN
IN THE PAST. MONSALVE THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO
REMEMBER THAT THE C-24 HAD GENERALLY BEEN SCEPTICAL
ABOUT THE RESULTS OF ANY REFERENDUM OR PLEBISCITE THAT
WAS NOT CONDUCTED ACCORDING TO WHAT IT CONSIDERED TO BE
THE PROPER "RULES". THESE RULES CALLED INTER ALIA FOR
UN OBSERVATION AND THE PRESENTATION OF A RANGE OF
OPTIONS, NOT JUST A "YES" OR "NO" VOTE ON ONE OPTION.
CONFIDENTIAL

THESE DETAILS WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT IN WINNING GENERAL
ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESULTS OF ANY REFERENDUM THAT MIGHT
TAKE PLACE IN PUERTO RICO. HE COULD UNDERSTAND THAT
US WOULD NOT WISH TO INVITE C-24 TO OBSERVE REFERENDUM,
BUT SOME OUTSIDE OBSERVATION WOULD BE DESIRAB LE.
ERRAZURIZ SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF OAS INVOLVEMENT IN
THIS RESPECT. PETREE AGREED THIS WAS IMPORTANT ASPECT
AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SUGGESTIONS.

6. ERRAZURIZ AND MONSALVE HAD NO SUGGESTIONS ON WHAT
WE COULD DO TO INCREASE SENTIMENT FOR US POSITION IN
C-24 EXCEPT TO LOBBY WITH MEMBERSHIP HERE AND IN CAPITALS.
WHEN PETREE ASKED IF THEY THOUGHT PROCLAMATION WOULD BE
HELPFUL THEY NOTED THAT IT WAS RESTATEMENT OF US
POSITION AND WONDERED IF IT HAD ANY JURIDICAL EFFECT.
PETREE EXPLAINED POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF SUBJECT IN
US AND EMPHASIZED THAT ISSUANCE OF PROCLAMATION WAS,
THEREFORE, NOT A SIMPLE THING. HE POINTED OUT THAT IT
WAS CLEAR STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S INTENT
AND ALSO PLACED QUESTION IN A TIMEFRAME. MONSALVE
THOUGHT SOME C-24 MEMBERS MIGHT CLAIM PROCLAMATION
WAS ISSUED NOW PURPOSELY TO AFFECT C-24 CONSIDERATION

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

OF PUERTO RICO. ERRAZURIZ WONDERED IF US ATTITUDE TOWARD CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA MIGHT AFFECT SITUATION IN C-24.

7. PETREE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CHILE'S SUPPORT IN C-24 AND HOPE THAT CHILEAN MISSION COULD ALSO WORK ON OUR BEHALF WITH OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS. ERRZAURIZ SAID THEY WOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US ON QUESTION. YOUNG

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS RELEASES, SELFDETERMINATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 jul 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978USUNN03009
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780305-0929
Format: TEL
From: USUN NEW YORK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780716/aaaaanvx.tel
Line Count: 124
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: c5e5576c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 186242
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30 jun 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1874518
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION ON PUERTO RICO
TAGS: PGOV, PINT, PORG, CI, RQ, UNGA
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/c5e5576c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014